First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

November 13, 2022
10:00 am

“Infinite Possibilities”
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,

You are welcome here!

HYBRID SUNDAY WORSHIP—In-person & Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you. Zoom opens at 9:45
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"O Zion Haste"

By James Walch, Arr Cindy Berry

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DONNA EYSTER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader/Room Greeter, Donna Eyster; Zoom Greeter, Jeanette Sherrill.
  - The Greeters will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Morningstar"

2 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

People: is humbled to become one of us.

Leader: The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,

People: gives us more grace than we ever realize.

Leader: The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

People: teaches us all we need to become God's children.

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We Shall Overcome"
570 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 65:17-25** **DONNA EYSTER**

SECOND READING **Luke 21:5-6** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"You Shall Prophesy All My People "
578 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Infinite Possibilities"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Caring Parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The praising of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"How Firm a Foundation"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By Joseph Funk, Arr Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

God of glory, in thanksgiving for your abundant goodness,
we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us.
We want to treat our siblings as we wish to be treated,
with dignity, understanding and grace.
May these offerings prove to be a blessing to those who give
and those who receive.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Walls that Divide"
59 ES

BENEDICTION *Responsive **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Now, go out into the world as God's people!

People: We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

Leader: Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

People: We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.

Leader: Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

People: We will not fear but will journey into the days ahead.

All: Amen

POSTLUDE * Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"

By H. Percy Smith, Arr Cindy Berry

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist
Melanie Harner, Technical Coordinator

Jenn Zibbell, Member-in-Discernment
Donna Eyster, Worship Leader/Room Greeter
Jeanette Sherrill, Zoom Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Dedication Prayer:** Lavon Bayler, *Gathered by Love,* adapted

Hymn Profiles: [Insert]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or Text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. Now is the time to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our church. The faithful work in which we are engaged, requires financial support. Please think seriously about what you can give as we move forward to respond to what God is calling our faith community. WE NEED SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO COORDINATE THIS EFFORT. We will begin budget discussions at our Council meeting this Wednesday, 6:00 on Zoom. All are welcome.

Worship Next Week: Ivan Harner, Worship Leader/Room Greeter; Ellie Gusman, Zoom Greeter

Rev Dan Kidder-McQuown will be preaching. Thank you, Dan, for sharing your faith, creativity, and message with us.

Next Monday, November 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom, we will continue working on Step 1 of Beaumont's community group discernment process (Chapter 4 Pgs. 83-84) by "Framing" our topic for these gatherings within the larger umbrella of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values (Chapter 6 Pgs. 113-131). We will also review our current Mission, Vision, and Values Statements, if available, as an entry point into Step 2 “Grounding” (Pgs. 84-85).

Homework: "Longer-timers," "Newer-timers," "Roomies," and "Zoomies", please be wondering and praying about identifying what is the most important topic for our church to be discerning about in the present moment. Using Beaumont's format, please bring at least one idea as to how to phrase this issue as a "positive question" for our group to explore. Also, please look in your records for a written copy of our congregation's Mission, Vision, and/or Values and send that to me in advance of next Monday. We have several folks who will be out of pocket over the next couple months due to travel plans or who have other commitments on Mondays at 7:00 pm. If any of you would like to send me an email with your suggestion for a "positive question" for discernment, I will include it in our discussion on Monday evening. **PowerPoint slides are on the next page of bulletin.**

All are welcome to participate as we seek to discern together where God is already at work so we may align our congregation's time, talents and gifts with the Spirit's movement. Hope to see you there! Blessings, Pastor Liz

Next Tuesday, November 15, 9:30-11:00 am on Zoom: Advent/Worship/Hymn Planning. Everyone who would like to help plan the Advent Season please come!

Florida Fruit Drive Continues: You can make a difference! Your purchases support Florida’s economic recovery from Hurricane Ian AND our church’s local Washtenaw County ministries and social justice work. We are again partnering with Indian River Groves in Florida to provide citrus products. This is an annual fund raiser for Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. **If you would like a reminder list of those people you sold to last year, please let Ivan know; txt him at 734-417-6531, or email ivanharner@gmail.com.** We have found the fruit to be excellent and the company very responsive, and cooperative to work with. Share this information with friends and family. Please help us meet our fund-

raising goals! This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season. **Orders must be placed by December 11 to be received before Christmas!**

Use the link below to make your order

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or go to our web site www.ypsiucc.org

Thank you for your support of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC.

From the WeROC Health Equity Action Team: The communication below from the Community Mental Health Association asks for everyone's help in preventing a Lame Duck action in the Michigan Legislature to turn over important mental health services for one of our most vulnerable communities to private inc]surance. Please contact your legislators and ask them to vote no on this attempt to rush harmful legislation through as they leave office. There is a helpful link below in their message to make it easy to respond. Thanks!

CMHA

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan

Call to Action

Rumors have been swirling around Lansing for the past several weeks that Sen. Shirkey & Rep. Whiteford have been drafting a compromise bill that would combine SBs 597 & 598 along with HBs 4925 – 4928 in an attempt to get "something" done before the end of the year. Most of the talk around a compromise bill has been to move all of the Medicaid kids services including autism and foster care over to private insurance companies and then the state would create 1 statewide entity to manage the other populations (essentially going from 10 PIHPs to 1 PHIP or ASO). CMHA and our allies have not been part of the discussions with Sen. Shirkey and Rep. Whiteford, those discussions have been behind closed doors so can only speculate on the content of such a proposal, but we do know that both sides have had multiple conversations and meetings.

With the November 8 General Election and the lame duck legislative session fast approaching we want to make sure that policy makers still know we are out here, and we are watching. After November 8, there are only 11 more scheduled session days left in the calendar year. We certainly do not want termed out legislators passing a half-baked idea as they are walking out the door just for the sake of doing "something".

We believe any compromise bill between Sen. Shirkey and Rep. Whiteford will be equally as bad as the current version of SBs 597 & 598, which would still privatize Medicaid mental health services by

giving them financial control and oversight or decision making to for-profit insurance companies.

REQUEST FOR ACTION: We are asking you to reach out to your legislators (House & Senate) and the Governor and URGE them to "not support a LAME DUCK deal on SBs 597 & 598. Stakeholders have not been part of the recent or meaningful discussions and the Legislature should not be making changes of this magnitude with so few legislative days left. This approach is nothing more than a health plan money grab, these bills will not improve care for Michigan's most vulnerable citizens, and it will give control to entities who have not proven they can do the job – this is BAD public policy." Please feel free to customize your response as you see fit.

We also need you **to ask that the members of your Board of Directors, your staff, and your community partners make those same contacts – SIMPLY FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO THEM**. This will not be the last action alert we send out before the end of the year. It is critical that lawmakers hear from us, and know this is an important issue to the voters in their districts.

Thank you in advance for your support and tireless advocacy on this important topic.

Click the link below to login and send your message:
https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/r0eom4Sew7M-BxPqVNDbtQ

Tad Wysor for the WeROC Leadership Team 734 883 3225
or tadwysor@gmail.com.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR

has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

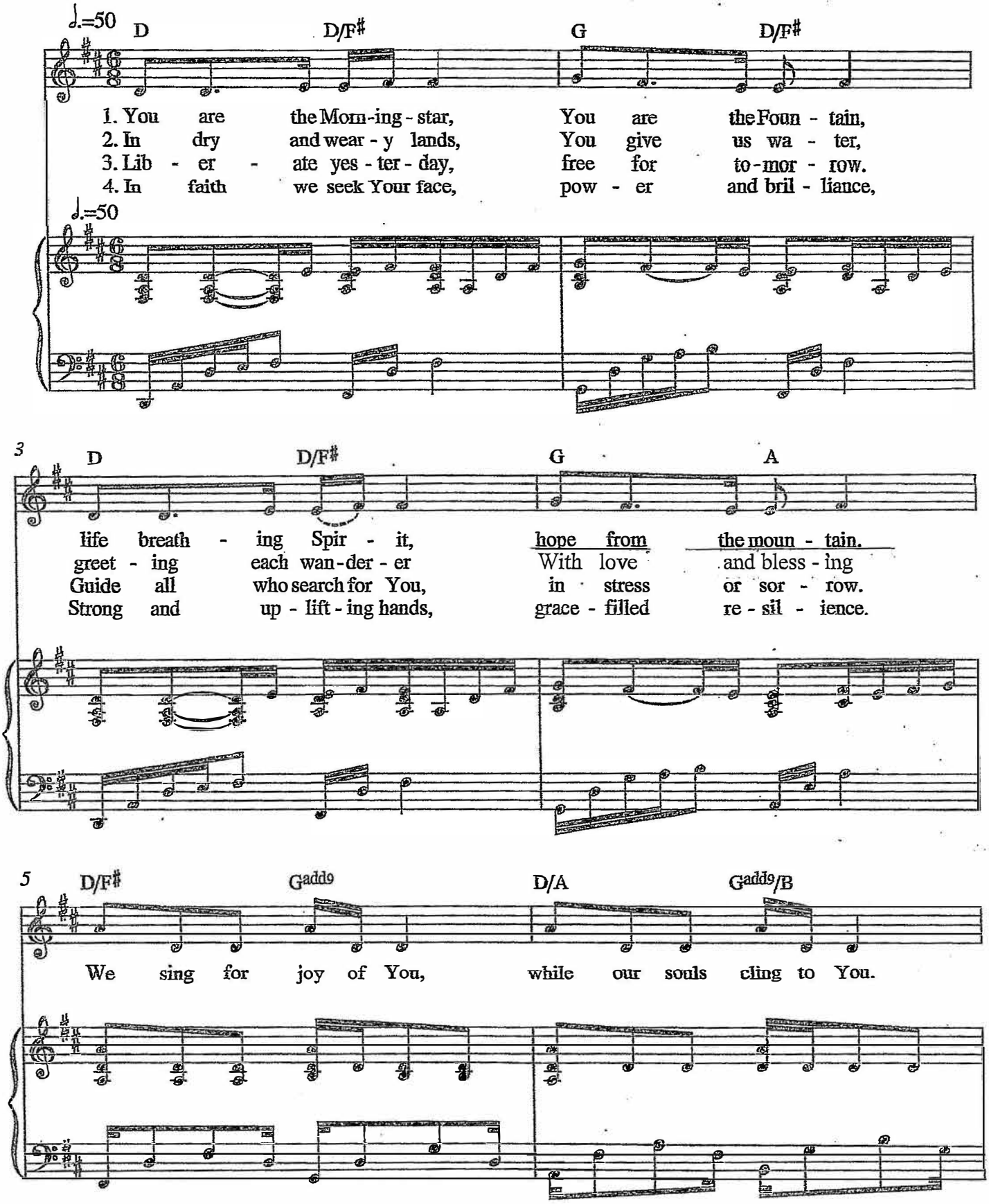
First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Morningstar



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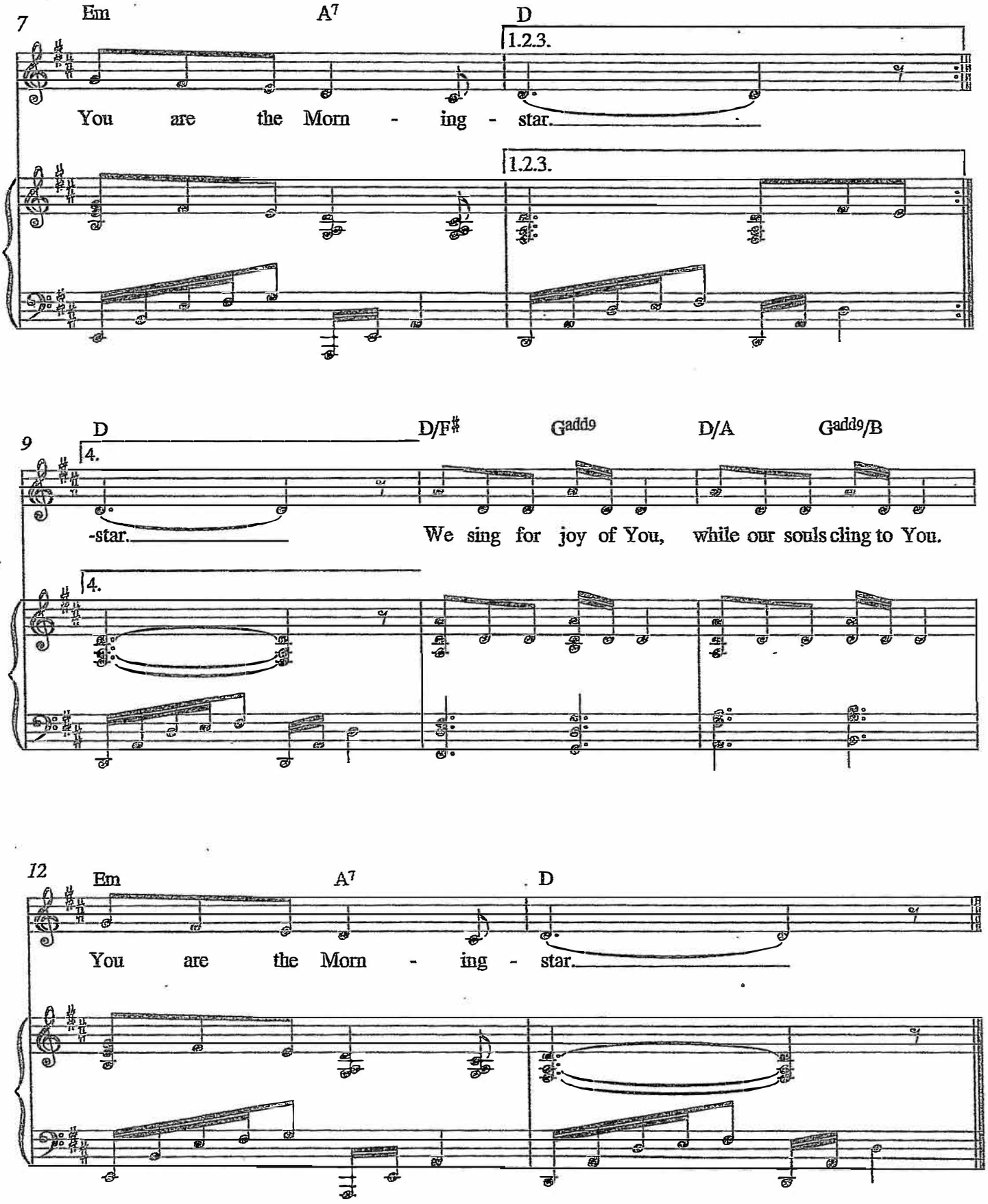
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You are the Morn - ing - star.
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Gadd9/B
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-star.
We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.
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You are the Morn - ing - star.

We Shall Overcome

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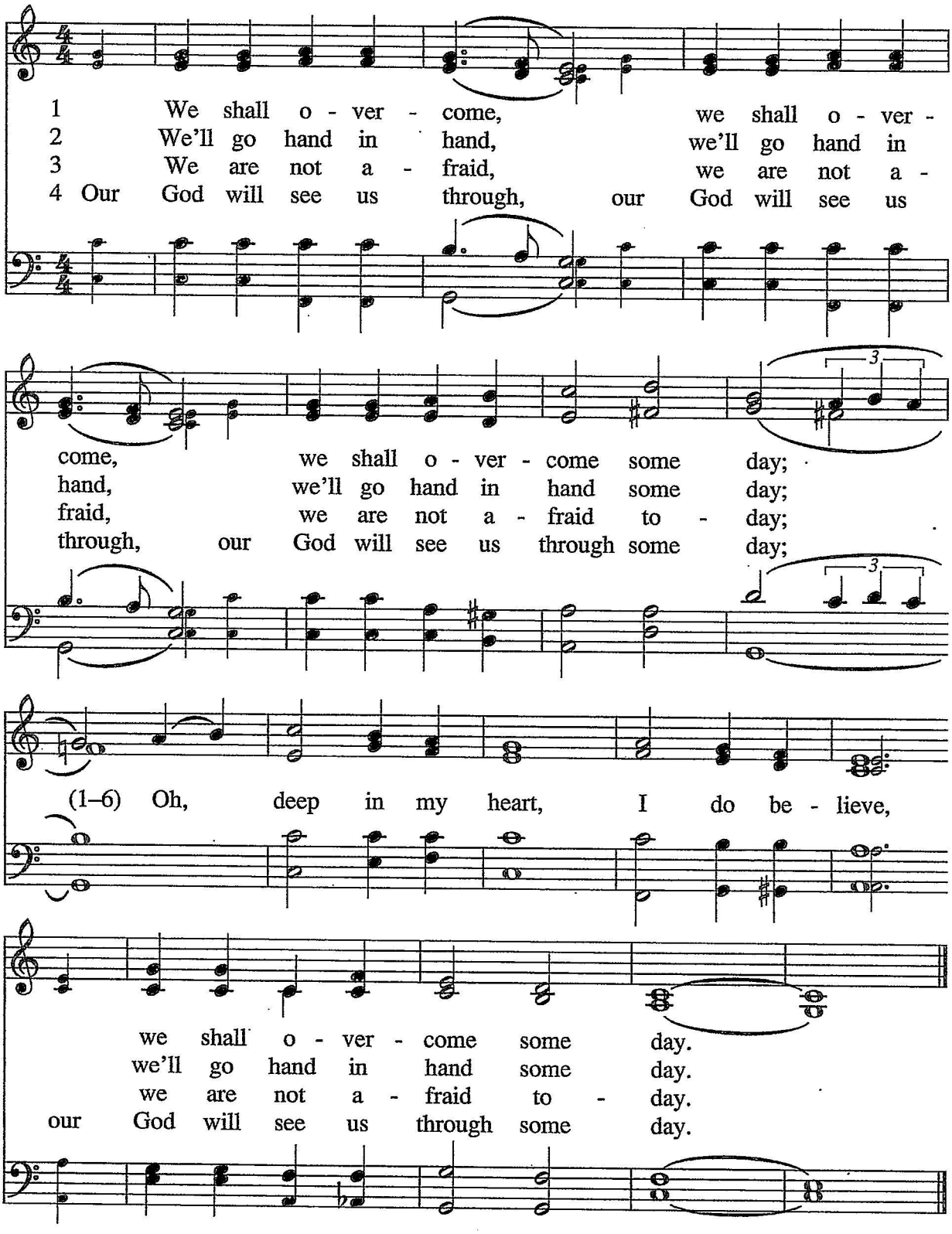
United States traditional

John 8:31–32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us
come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
through, our God will see us through some day;
(1–6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,
we shall o - ver - come some day.
we'll go hand in hand some day.
we are not a - fraid to - day.
our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; *an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
United States traditional
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

578 Profetiza, Pueblo mío
(You Shall Prophesy, All My People)

Acts 2:17–21; Rev. 10:11

Rosa Martha Zárate Macías, 1989; rev. 1994
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, *1994*

Estribillo (Refrain)
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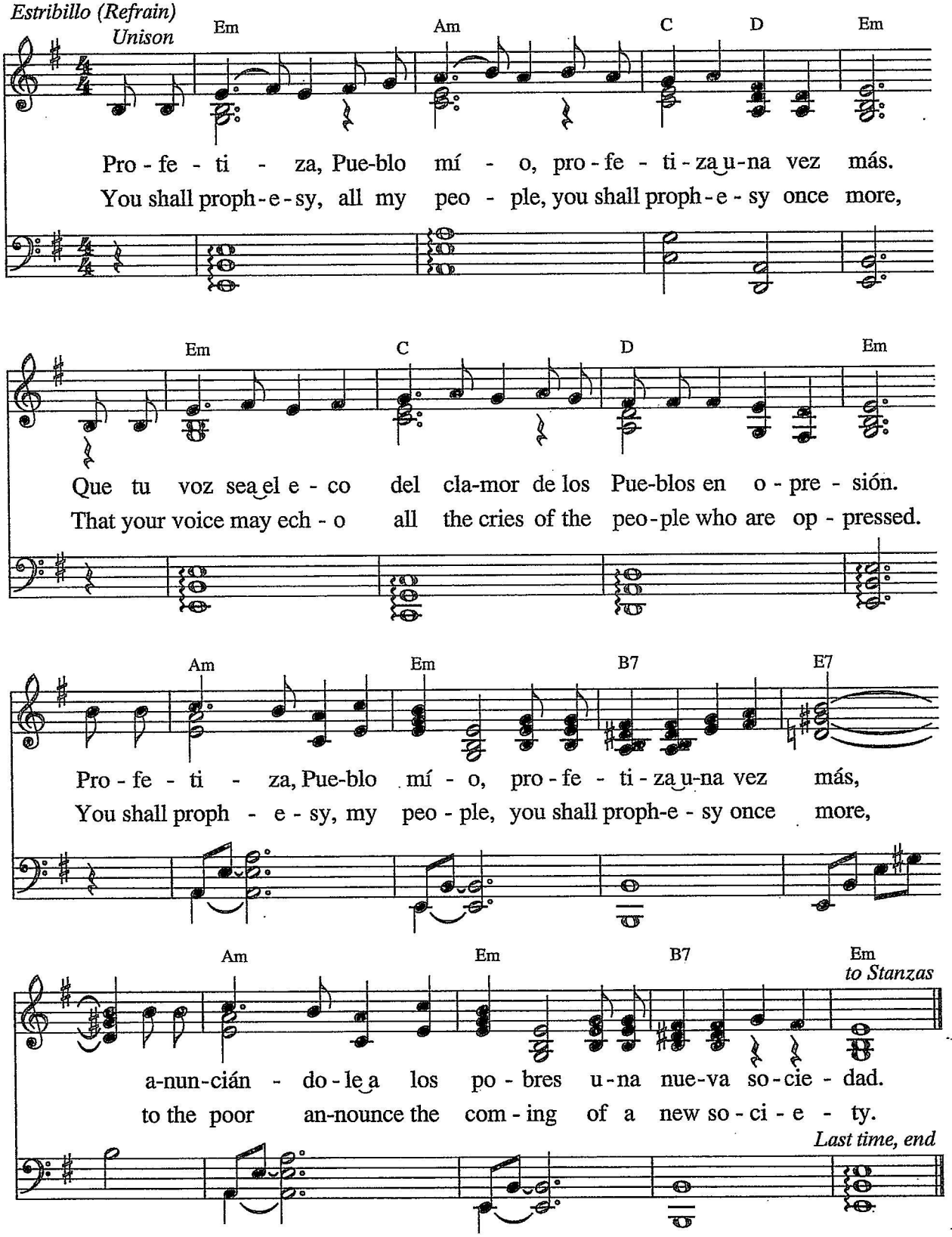
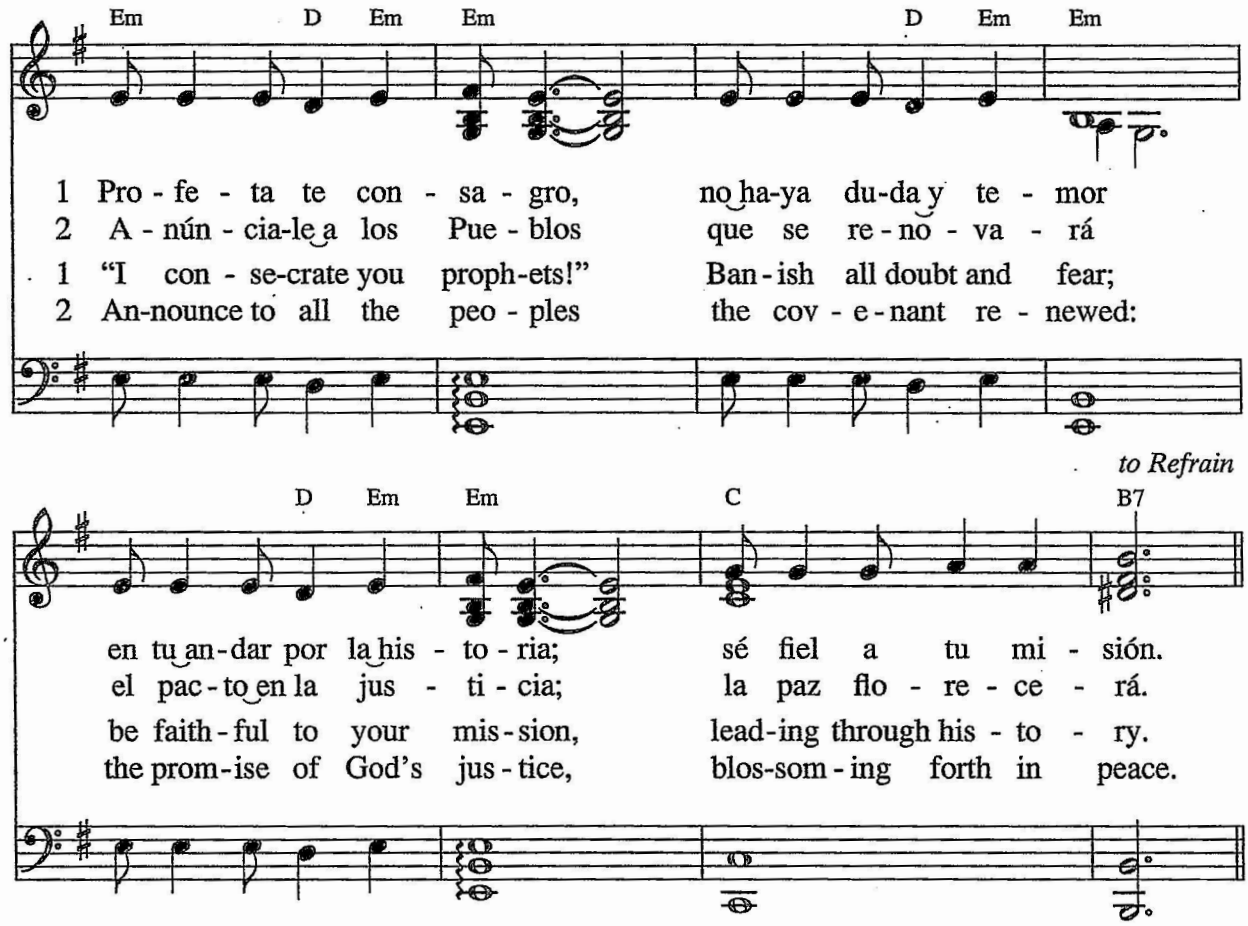

Em Am C D Em
Pro - fe - ti - za, Pue-blo mí - o, pro - fe - ti - za u-na vez más.
You shall proph-e-sy, all my peo - ple, you shall proph-e - sy once more,
Em C D Em
Que tu voz sea el e - co del cla-mor de los Pue-blos en o - pre - sión.
That your voice may ech - o all the cries of the peo-ple who are op - pressed.
Am Em B7 E7
Pro - fe - ti - za, Pue-blo mí - o, pro - fe - ti - za u-na vez más,
You shall proph - e - sy, my peo - ple, you shall proph-e - sy once more,
Am Em B7 Em
to Stanzas
a-nun-ción - do - le a los po - bres u - na nue-va so - cie - dad.
to the poor an-nounce the com - ing of a new so - ci - e - ty.
Last time, end

Rosa Martha Zárate Macías wrote this hymn for her Mexican People and other Pueblos deprived of their homeland, whom the Great Spirit calls to be prophets, men and women of courage, responsible for constructing the new society based in justice and love.

Tune: PROPHESY Irr. with refrain
Rosa Martha Zárate Macías, 1989
Harm. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1993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1 Pro - fe - ta te con - sa - gro, no ha-ya du-da y te - mor
2 A - nún - cia-le a los Pue - blos que se re - no - va - rá
1 "I con - se-crate you proph-ets!" Ban - ish all doubt and fear;
2 An-nounce to all the peo - ples the cov - e - nant re - newed:
to Refrain
D Em Em C B7
en tu an-dar por la his - to - ria; sé fiel a tu mi - sión.
el pac - to en la jus - ti - cia; la paz flo - re - ce - rá.
be faith - ful to your mis - sion, lead-ing through his - to - ry.
the prom-ise of God's jus - tice, blos-som - ing forth in peace.

3 De-nun-cia a quie-nes cau-san
el llan-to y la o-pre-sión
la ver-dad sea tu es-cu-do
sé luz de un nue-vo sol.
Estribillo

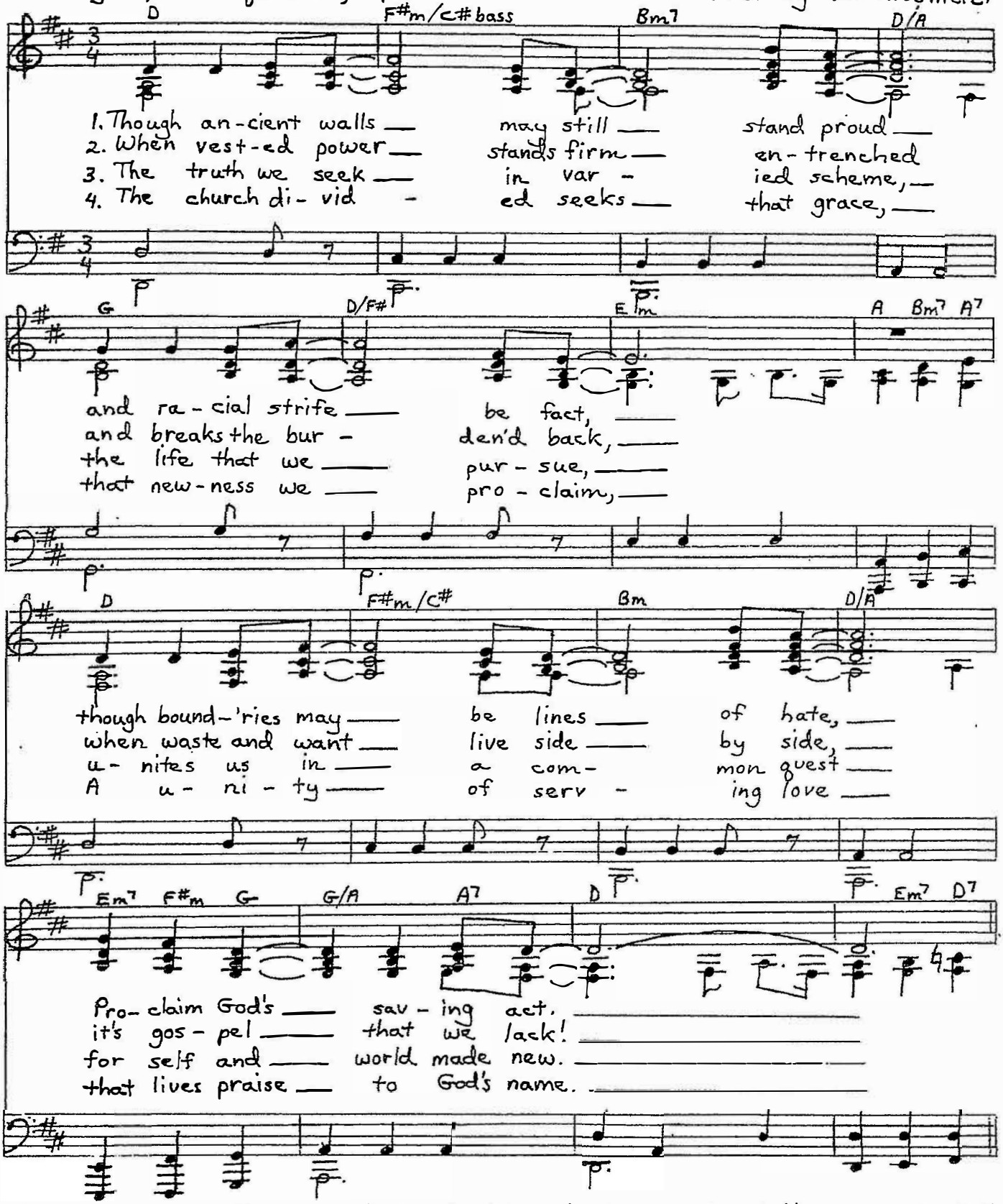
4 Es-ta sea tu es-pe-ran-za,
es-te sea tu lu-char,
cons-tru-ir en la jus-ti-cia
la nue-va so-cie-dad.
Estribillo

3 De-nounce those who are caus-ing,
all those op-pressed to cry,
Truth will be your pro-tec-tion,
the light of a new sun.
Refrain

4 Let this hope be your mis-sion,
let hope be-come your fight,
To build a so-cial or-der
with jus-tice at its base.
Refrain

Walls That Divide

Words by Walter Farquharson, adpt. Music by Ron Klusmeier



5. This broken world seeks lasting health and vital unity, God's people, by God's word renewed, Cast off all slavery! (refrain)

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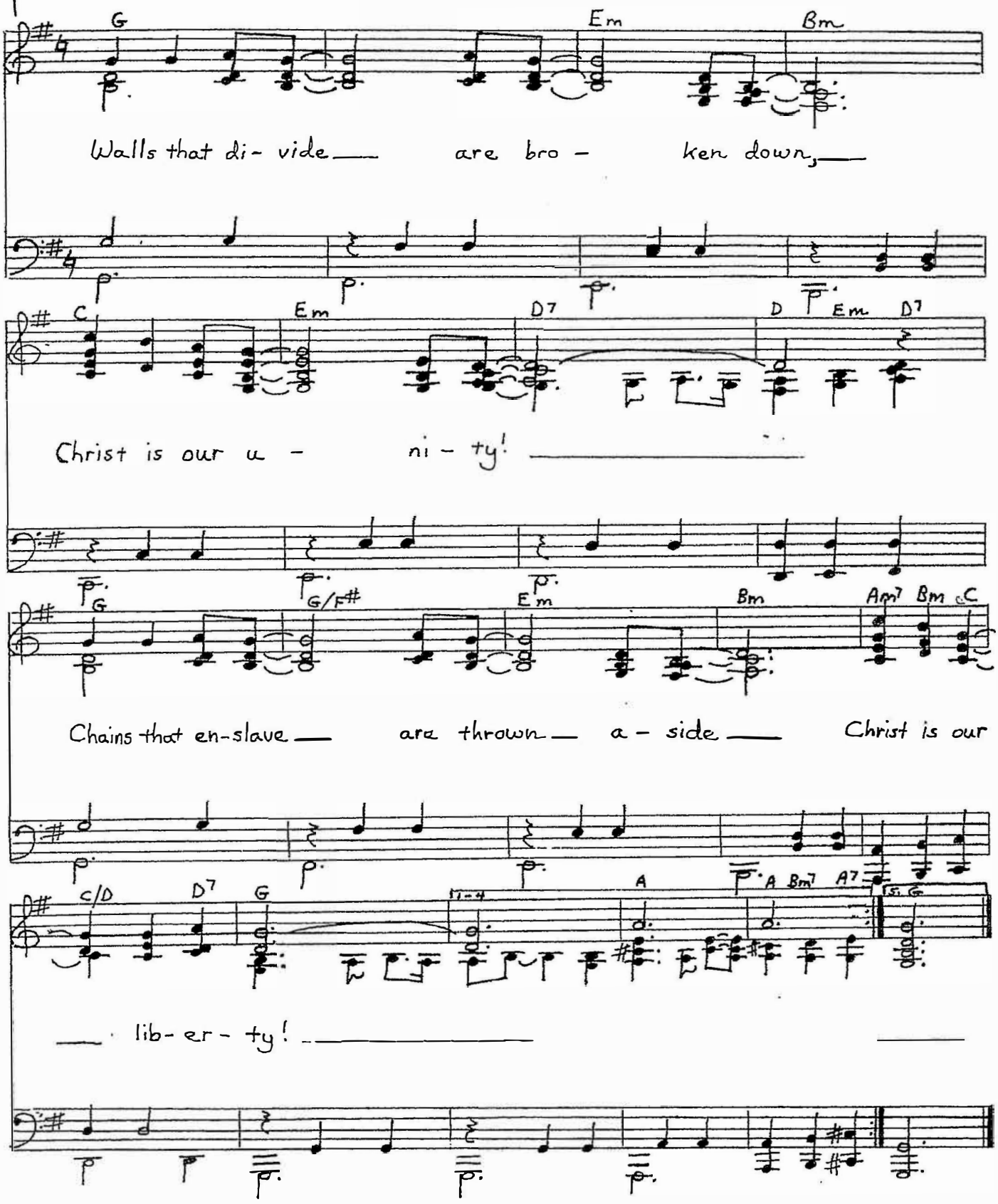
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